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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE EXPORTS TO THE EC

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1. COMMISSION REGULATION NO. 111/77 DRASTICALLY INCREASED THE SPECIAL LEVIES APPLICABLE TO UK IMPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND BUTTER AND CHEESE, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 21, 1977. THE LEVY ON BUTTER WAS RAISED FROM 63.09 TO 100 U.A./100 KG. WHILE THAT FOR CHEESE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 60.38 TO 82 U.A./100 KG. AN OFFICIAL IN THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION SAID THAT THIS INCREASE WAS AIMED AT PREVENTING A BUILDUP OF LARGE STOCKS OF NEW ZEALAND DAIRY PRODUCTS PRIOR TO THE NEXT ROUND OF INCREASES IN UK BUTTER SUPPORT PRICES--ANTICIPATED SOMETIME IN MARCH OR APRIL. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND DID NOT EXPECT TO EXPORT ANY BUTTER WITH THE LEVIES SET AT THIS LEVEL; HOWEVER, EXISTING

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STOCKS ARE SUFFICIENT TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE NORMAL SALES THROUGH MARCH. (WHEN LEVIES WILL PRESUMABLY BE ADJUSTED TO PERMIT NORMAL EXPORTS) THUS, WHILE THEY WERE NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S ACTION, THEY WERE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED. THE OFFICIAL ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD DONE THE SAME THING LAST YEAR.

2. THE OFFICIAL SAID THAT NEW ZEALAND HOPED TO GET ANOTHER PRICE HIKE ON THEIR SALES TO THE UK IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE EC SETS MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES FOR NZ BUTTER AND CHEESE WHICH, IN FACT, ALWAYS CLOSELY APPROXIMATED THE PRICES ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY NEW ZEALAND. AN INCREASE IN THESE PRICES RESULTS IN A DECREASE IN THE SPECIAL LEVIES COLLECTED ON IMPORTS FROM NEW ZEALAND. THE LAST INCREASE GRANTED BY THE COMMUNITY (18 PERCENT) WENT INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1, 1976 (REF. B). IN RETURN FOR THIS INCREASE, NEW ZEALAND VOLUNTARILY LIMITED ITS 1976 BUTTER EXPORTS TO ABOUT 120,000 TONS--WELL BELOW THEIR ENTITLEMENT OF 145,000 TONS. THE OFFICIAL HINTED THAT NEW ZEALAND MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A SIMILAR DEAL THIS YEAR. THE QUOTA FOR NEW ZEALAND BUTTER FOR 1977 IS 138,000 TONS. HINTON

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